

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 5, 2004, and the Decision on Appeal mailed on August 31, 2009, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application, where claims 17-19 have been currently added. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 16 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-3, 5 and 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,204,846 (Little). Further, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Little in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,977,975 (Mugura). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Little in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,225,996 (Gibb). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Little in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,252,594 (Xia). These rejections are respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19, as amended, are allowable over Little,

Mugura, Gibb, and Xia for at least the following reasons.

Little is directed to a data set user interface control for use in accessing information in a computer. On page 3 of the Final Office Action, FIG 13, item 158; FIG 7, item 156; and column 9, lines 30-56 of Little are cited to allegedly show a helper character. However, these referenced sections only describe a number of items in the selection being displayed and the relative position of the selection in a list. These references and the rest of Little do not describe displaying large characters identifying the items displayed. A description of this is found at least at page 6 and the first paragraph of page 7 of the present specification.

It is respectfully submitted that Little does not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 8, 10, 11 and 13 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided) :

a helper character-generator operative to display a helper character representative of a portion of a description of an item in the ordered list being displayed, the displaying of

the helper character being responsive to continued user actuation of the array scroller, wherein the helper character is displayed in a size which is larger than a size of the descriptions.

Displaying the helper character in a size which is larger than a size of the descriptions of the items in the ordered list is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Little. Further, as decided in Appeal No. 2008-005418, decided on August 31, 2009, the feature of claim 16, namely, "an array scroller adapted to scroll the information at a speed that is responsive to user actuation," is not addressed in the Final Office Action. Mugura, Gibb, and Xia are cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Little.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 16 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7, 9, 12, 14-16 and 17-19 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 8, 11, 13 and 16.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or

averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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